

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, August 4, 1729.

From the Evening Post.

SIR,

THE following Poem was wrote by ED-
MUND WALLER, Esq; in the Year
1626, to the King, on his Navy; which
for the Beauty of it, may be acceptable
to some of your Readers, tho' above
100 Years old.

When e'er thy Navy spreads her Canvas Wings,
Homage to Thee, and Peace to All she brings.
The French and Spaniards, when Thy Flags appear,
Forget their Hatted, and consent to Fear:
So Jove from Ida did both Hosts survey,
And when he pleas'd to thunder, part the Fray.
Ships heretofore in Seas like Fishes spread.
The mightiest still upon the meanest fed.
Thou on the Deep imposest nobler Laws,
And by thy Justice has remov'd the Cause
Of those rude Tempests, which for Rapine sent,
Too oft, alas! involv'd the Innocent.
Now shall Thy Ocean, as thy Thames, be free
From both those Fates of Storms and Pyracie.
And we most happy, who can fear no Force,
But winged Troops, or Pegasean Horse:
'Tis not so hard for greedy Foes, to spoil
Another Nation, as to touch our Soil.
Shou'd Nature's self invade the World again,
And o'er the Centre spread the liquid Main;
Thy Power were safe, and her destructive Hand,
Would but enlarge the Bounds of Thy Command:
Thy dreadful Fleet would stile Thee Lord of All,
And ride in Triumph o'er the drowned Ball.
Those Tow'rs of Oak, o'er fertile Plains might go,
And visit Mountains where they once did grow.
The World's Restorer never could endure,
That finish'd Babel should those Men secure,
Whose Pride design'd that Fabrick to have stood,
Above the Reach of any second Flood;
To Thee, his Chosen more indulgent, he
Dares trust such Pow'r with so much Piety.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, July 29.

Since our last arrived a French Mail.

Letters from Dublin of the 22d Inst. say, that the
Romish Clergy of that Kingdom had made a De-
claration against Father Lehy, and that on the Sun-
day before the Date he was read out of all their Cha-
pels for High Crimes and Misdemeanours against
the Reverend Body of Divines.

People long to know what Sentence the Court of
King's Bench will pronounce against Woolston, who
was convicted above half a Year ago for 4 of his bla-
phemous Discourses ridiculing the Miracles of our
Saviour; which Sentence, 'tis expected, will be gi-
ven next Term.

As to Affairs abroad, they are still reported by
some here to be in a manner accommodated; but
we have not yet these Grounds for it as to yield an
entire Credit thereto; the Accounts from Spain by
the French Mail making no mention of his Catholic
Majesty's having come to a final Resolution upon
the Propositions of the Allies of Hanover, nor of
the Treasure brought by the Galleons being deliver-
ed out to the respective Proprietors. Upon the
whole, 'tis too apparent that what has been publish-
ed in some foreign News-papers of the Contents of
the Courier Bannieres's Dispatches from Spain, were
not genuine.

Under the present Situation of Affairs, various
Reports are spread; and some regret that the Fleet
had not sailed: But the Government knows very
well what they have to do, and the most proper
Means to be taken, and how to use the Power that
Providence has put in their Hands.

A Cabinet Council was Yesterday held at Ken-
sington, upon the grand Affair, as is supposed, of
Peace.

From on board the Cornwall at Spithead, July 28.

The Advice, Leopard, and 3 or 4 Dutch Ships
of War are going to Sea; but whither, or for
what End, is a Secret. The two first are actu-
ally unmoored, and 'tis believed will sail to St.
Helen's, where is the Phoenix, and the rest of the
Ships which sailed thither some few Days ago.

Mr. Rich, of the new Theatre in Lincoln's Inn
fields,



fields, went down last Saturday to Richmond, and in the Garden he entertained the Queen and Royal Family with the Comedy call'd *Hob, or the Country Wake*. After which there were Country Dances at Court.

This Day the Duke of Newcastle set out for Lewis in Suffolk, to partake of the Diversions of the Horse-races there.

Many of the Nobility of both Sexes go to see the Aloe Tree at a Gardner's at Hoxton, about a Mile from this City. It came originally from the E. Indies, and has been where it now is 60 Years, and has just begun its Bloom, which it does only once in 100 Years. It is about 22 Foot high, the Branches issuing out of the Body resemble Swords, and the Bloom, which lasts 12 Months, but is not yet in Perfection, is exceeding curious.

This Afternoon the Court of Aldermen were several Hours on Sir John Eyles's Complaint upon a Paper which has been distributed in Vintry Ward, but came to no Resolution.

Just now our East-India Company received the good News of the Arrival of 4 of their Ships, viz. the *Harison*, *Harriford*, *George* and *Orkham*, in Dover Road, from East-India, richly laden.

We are told they still continue to impress Seamen for his Majesty's Service out of the homeward bound Ships, and 'tis apprehended from what is above written, that several of the Ships of the Squadron at Spithead being in Motion, we shall in a very few Days come to a Certainty of their putting to Sea, or of their being laid up.

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From the *St. James Evening-Post*, July 29.

Stockholm, July 24. His Swedish Majesty has acknowledged the Czar of Moscow as Emperor of all Russia, &c. Mr. Jackson, his British Majesty's Resident, has had his Audience of Leave, and is preparing to set out for England; and the Hon. Mr. Finch, that Monarch's Envoy Extraordinary at this Court, and Mr. Webber, his Resident at this Court, the Electorate of Hanover, have just sent away a Courier to his said Majesty, with Dispatches of great Importance.

Valadolid, June 3. Here and in the Parts circumjacent, have been the most terrible Tempests, accompanied with such astonishing Deluges of Rain, that the like was never known in this Country before: Many Bridges have been carried away; some Houses have been filled with Water up to the 3d

Storey; abundance of Cattle have been drowned; a great many Olive, Orange and Cieron Trees have been carried away; near Burgos 14 People have been drowned, and many People have perished in other Places.

Valadolid, in Old Castile, was for many Years the Court of Spain. It is seldom if ever called a City; so that it is counted the finest Town in all Europe, having 16 Parochial Churches, 46 Monasteries and Convents, 13 Hospitals, 12 Chapels, and a very noble Piazza or Square, wherein may be drawn up an Army of 30,000 Men. It is one of the finest Universities in Spain, and a Bishoprick.

Paris, Aug. 3. We learn from Metz, that Men are busy in repairing the Fortifications of that Place, and are very soon to build a new Port on a rising Ground near the Suburbs, which will be a very considerable one. They work likewise in repairing the Fortifications in Flanders, and are building new ones; they are also drawing up all the Sluices along the River Sheld.

London, July 29. Alan Whiteford Esq; hath a Grant of the Offices of Receiver-General of his Majesty's Land-rents and other Casualties whatsoever in Scotland, and of Paymaster of divers Salaries and Pensions in that Part of G. Britain, with the yearly Salary of 650 l. per Annum, for himself, Deputies and Clerks.

On Saturday Morning, Money was sent down from the Pay-office in Broadstreet to Portsmouth, to pay 2 Months Wages in 6, to his Majesty's Ships at Portsmouth, according to the late Act of Parliament for encouraging Seamen to enter into his Majesty's Service.

Mr. Gowel's great Aloe, called the *Sophy of Persia's Glory*, or *Moses's Candlestick*, has 12 Blossom-branches already apparent, and as many more expected; it is now aspiring the 3d Storey in Height, and 'tis supposed will elevate its Summit 4 Storeys high, also that it will produce purple Blossoms. This being the first of this kind that ever did blossom in England, may deservedly be accounted the Wonder of this Part of the European World.

On Sunday next, Mr. Rayne, and Mr. Maynard a Shoemaker in Ludgatehill, are to set out a 4 a-clock in the Morning, and to walk 40 Miles out, and return again by 11 at Night, for a Wager of 100 l. being 80 Miles in all.

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A few Days since a Groom of General Harvey's was found dead in the Stables of his Master; his Death happened by a Kick of a Horse; and a Dog which was kept among the Horses, laid hold on the Coachman's Coat at his coming into the Stables, and would not let him go till he had dragged him to the Place where the dead Body lay.

After the Execution of one of the Fore-mast Men on board a Dutch Man of War under Admiral Somersdike at Spithead, he hoisted his bloody Flag at the Mizzen-peak, and caused one of his Lieutenants to be shot, for stabbing another Lieutenant with a large Knife, so that he died on the Spot.

Tomorrow the Queen goes to dine with the Earl of Orkney at Cheshden in Buckinghamshire, and returns the same Evening to Kensington.

From the London Evening-Post, July 29.

Petersburg, July 12. Three Regiments of Foot and one of Horse have received Orders to march to Revel; whence it is concluded, that because several Ships of War are fitted out there, that these Troops will be carried thence to Riga, to execute some Design. Several Russian Lords are come from Lubbeck in the Frigates lately returned from thence, who have been in the Duke of Holstein's Service. Bills of Exchange for 25000 Rubles are remitted to Hamburg for the said Duke. Our Land Forces, according to an exact List, consist of 420,000 Men, viz. 200,000 Foot, 80,000 Horse, and 140,000 Cossacks and Calmuck Tartars, which in case of a Rupture with the Turks can be brought into the Field.

Dresden, July 24. People are here extremely impatient to learn what his Polish Majesty designs to do with the great Numbers of Troop his Majesty has on Foot in this Electorate, which amount to no fewer than 40,000 Men: So that since the fatal War wherein John-George III. was engaged against the Turks, here have not been such Armaments.

From the Daily Post Boy, July 29.

Hanover, July 29. The King set out from Herenhausen the 23d Inst. and went through Hildeshem, where he found the Burghers under Arms, and was saluted with a triple Discharge of the Artillery. His Majesty proceeded thence to Sessen, where he arrived at the Palace of the Duke of Wolfembutte's Palace about two a'clock, where he was entertained at Dinner in a very friendly and magnificent Manner. On the 24th he arrived at Clausthal at 6 in the Evening. The Miners were drawn

up in Files, some with lighted Lamps in their Hands, and others playing upon their Sort of Musick. There were likewise 120 Carters, who made such a Smack with their Whips, that it resembled the going off of a Parcel of Hand granadoes. The King stood in the Balcony from 7 to 9, and ordered the Miners and Carters to pass by 2 and 2 before him. After which he sat down to Supper, the Miners all the while entertaining him with Songs and Musick.

On the 25th, the King put on a Miner's Habit, and was let down with Mr. Foret into a Mine called the Dorothy, and then into another called the Caroline.

London, July 29. Last Saturday in the Evening, one of his Majesty's Messengers in Ordinary arrived at Kensington from Paris.

Edinburgh, August 4. On Friday last came into Leith Harbour the *Edinburgh Pacquet*, Andrew Man from London: Also the *John of Aberbrothock*, with Meal, from Peterhead.

The *Katharine of Lerwick*, Johannes Mark, from Norway, came in Saturday; likewise a small Sloop, James Chalmers, from Newburgh, with Meal; and another small Bark, James Macritchie, from ditto, with ditto.

And Yesterday came into the Harbour the *Margaret of Leith*, James Orem; and the *John of Leith*, John Mitchel, both from Norway.

Thomas Porteous Skinner in Dalkeith, who has for some time been under Prosecution, for alledged counterfeiting His Majesty's Stamp upon Leather, or vending Leather so counterfeited (knowing the same to be such) was on Friday acquitted at the Justiciary Bar.

Some Days ago a Hair Merchant exposed to Sale to a Perwig-maker of this City, a Parcel of insufficient Hair, mix'd with Bruits Hair, &c. But being detected in the Cheat, and conven'd before the Magistrates, their Honours (after Judgment given thereof by some Perwigmakers and Hair Merchants to whom the Inspection was remitted) condemned the Hair to be burnt at the Cross by the Hand of the Hangman, severely fined the Exposer, and ordered him to Prison till Payment. Which Sentence was accordingly execute.

Last Week died in this City Mr. William Petrie, one of the Regents of the Univerfity of St. Andrews, of a few Hours Illness.

As did Yesterday Morning Patrick Murray of Polmaes Esq; in the 17th Year of his Age, a Gentleman of promising Parts. The Estate falls to his Uncle William Murray Esq;

On Tuesday was fennight the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Peterbarrow landed at the Town of Banff, from on board one of his Majesty's Yachts, and forthwith set out for Gordon-Castle, the Seat of the Illustrious Family of Gordon, where his Lordship arrived the same Day in good Health.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

††† Lost upon Tuesday or Wednesday last, either in Edinburgh, or betwixt the Town and Grange-gate-side, a POCKET-BOOK, wherein are written Memorandum's of several Accompts; and neither the Book, nor and thing in it is worth Twopence to any but the Owner. Whoever has found it, is intreated to bring it to Mr. Blair in John's Coffee-house, or to the Author of this Paper, and they shall have half a Guinea Reward, and no Questions asked.

The Surgeons Bagnio is still going, and will continue to go as formerly.

By ADJOURNMENT,

†† That the Lands and Barony of MERCHISTON, comprehending the House, Gardens, Parks, Feu-duties, Lands in Tenantry and others, (as formerly advertised) are to be sold in Wholesale or Parcels, by the Trustees for the Creditors of JOHN LOWIS of MERCHISTON, on Friday the Fourteenth Day of November next, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 after Noon, in the House of William Gray Vintner in the Assembly-close, Edinburgh. The Rental, Progress of Writs, and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of James Haliburton Writer to the Signet, Clerk to the Trustees, at his Chamber in the Luckenbooths.

††† There is a PUBLICK MARKET, for Black Cattle and Sheep, to be held at the Burgh of Sanquhar in the Shire of Dumfries, (a Place extraordinary well situated for the Cattle Trade) on the several Day after specified, viz. The First Market is to be holden upon the last Monday of July 1729, to answer Dalmellington Fair and the 2d Harleston in England. The Second Market is to be holden on the last Monday of September, to answer Dalmington Fair and St. Faith's in Dumfries. The Third Market is to be holden on the last Monday of September, to answer Dalmington Fair and Hampton in England. The Fourth Market, upon the

First Monday of November, to answer the Martinmas Fairs of Edinburgh, Dumfries, Air and Dalmington, for Fat cattle and Sheep. Drought ewes for Slaughter or Keeping, and for all sorts of Wintering beasts. There will be also a Fifth Market, upon the last Monday of May, to answer Dalmington Fair and the First Harleston in England. There will be good Accommodation for all People that resort thither; and the Town will allow the Benefit of the common Muir, (which is both large and a good Pasture) for the space of 48 Hours, for marketing the Cattle; and there will be an Exemption from Custom for three Years.

BY ADJOURNMENT,

There is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of Robert Biggar Vintner in Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th August Inst. at 3 a clock in the Afternoon, the Lands and Barony of Newton of Falkland, lying in the Shire of Fife, holding Feu of the Crown, paying yearly 82 Bolls 2 Firlots a Pecks Bear, 32 Bolls Oats, and 529 L. 12 sh. 6 d. Scots of free Rent, after all Deductions. The said Lands are to be sold jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of John Russell of Braidshaw, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing chamber opposite to the Cross well; likewise in the Hands of Thomas Aison Writer in Glentarchie.

†† That a Tack of these Parts of the Lands of Craigleith, now possess'd by John and Thomas Scots, and lately by the deceased Walter Scot their Father, is to be sette for Nineteen Years, commencing to the Lands and Houses after Harvest, and to the Barns at Beltan) on the 12th of August Inst. betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 after Noon, in the Parliament-house, in Terms of the Articles of Roup thereof, to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Thomas Gibson, one of the Depute-clerks of Session, at his Office, any Day before the said Roup.

Advertisement from the Trustees of MERCHISTON, BLAIR and LETHEM.

The TRUSTEES having prepared all things for a Sale of the Lands of Merchiston, resolve, That the Ranking shall be immediately finished, that so a Dividend may be made without Delay, when the Money comes to be paid: This is therefore to advertise all the Creditors of the respective common Debtors, that they forthwith Depone before the ARBITERS upon the Verity of their Debts; and for that Purpose, Attendance will be given by the Arbiters in John's Coffeehouse, upon each Friday and Wednesday in the Week (betwixt the Hours of 4 and 5 in the Afternoon) till the Middle of August, for taking the Creditors Oaths; who are intreated to come in speedily for that purpose, that so their own Affairs may not be prolonged. Such as cannot come in, may apply to the Arbiters, by their Doers, for a Commission; which will be granted, if they shew a reasonable Cause or Impediment why they cannot come in to depone at Edinburgh.

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